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Davis to Lead Congressional Delegation to Middle East

Washington, D.C. – House Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA) announced today he will lead a bipartisan congressional delegation to the Middle East during the Presidents' Day Recess.

Davis' goal is to examine firsthand the reconstruction efforts, gauge troop morale, and ascertain from both civilians and the military what we can expect in the near and long term.

"The most powerful weapon the United States can use in the war on terrorism is a stable and vibrant democracy in the Middle East. Our delegation's focus is to make sure our troops have the tools necessary to help make this goal a reality," said Chairman Davis.

The congressional delegation is expected to meet with U.S. Ambassador Paul Bremer, the administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority, as well as tour major infrastructure projects that have been rebuilt, such as electrical grids and oil fields. In addition, the delegation could possibly meet with Hamid Karzai.

This will be the second time that Chairman Davis has led a congressional delegation to the Middle East. Joining Davis on this trip will be Reps. Michael Burgess (R-TX), John Carter (R-TX), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

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